

2016 BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH – JEFF WHITE

As Director – Rangelands for Newmont Mining Corporation's North American Operations and Vice President of Elko Land and Livestock (a subsidiary of Newmont), Jeff White and his team manage significant land area for multiple uses including mineral resource access, livestock forage, wildlife habitat – including aquatic habitat for Endangered Species Act protected fish, conservation of biological diversity, and water resources. These lands support a range of vegetation from salt-desert shrub to alpine montane sagebrush and aspen-mixed conifer plant communities. White and his team manage these lands with emphasis on maintaining and enhancing ecological health. Unfortunately, some of these lands have been subjected to recurring wildfire and the subsequent invasion and increase in dominance by invasive plants notably cheatgrass (*Bromus tectorum*). Through research and management partnerships, White and his team are pioneering landscape-scale cheatgrass management and dominance reduction actions.

White is educated and trained in civil engineering, soil science, and rangeland ecology, and holds a master's degree in rangeland science from the University of Idaho. He has worked in natural resources management and mining environmental management for over 30 years in California, Idaho, Washington, and Nevada. In his work, he has tried to emphasize the development and implementation of practical environmental management systems to meet societal and ecological needs. His professional interests include rangeland inventory and monitoring, plant materials, disturbed site reclamation/rehabilitation/restoration, and problem analysis. He is a career-long member of the Society for Range Management and has served on many natural resource management-related advisory boards and work groups. He recently concluded a 15 year term on the Bureau of Land Management's Northeastern Great Basin Resources Advisory Council.

White and his wife live near the Ruby Mountains in Northeastern Nevada where they enjoy cycling, hiking, skiing, reading, and landscape gardening.